



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer
Director of Health Services

At its meeting held March 30, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Director of Health Services' recommendation to authorize the Director to accept amendment to grant award from the California Department of Health Services (CDHS) to reduce the CDHS' original Fiscal Year 2002-03 through Fiscal Year 2004-05 grant award agreement in amount of \$61,185,654, as approved by the Board on July 15, 2003 (Board Order No. 27), by \$3,365,210 to \$57,820,444, effective January 1, 2004, for continued support of the Department's verification of licensure and certification compliance by local health facilities, clinics and agencies/centers, excluding Department of Health Services facilities, for which licensure is required by the California Health and Safety Code and Titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act, at no net County cost; and authorize the Director to accept and execute any subsequent Fiscal Years 2003-04 and 2004-05 amendments that amend the CDHS grant award.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"For many years, the State has contracted with the Department of Health Services' (DHS) Health Facilities Inspection Division to serve as the Los Angeles County district office of State Licensing and Certification. Now, the State is cutting the funds for this program by 16.5 percent without providing alternative solutions for the County to continue regular inspections of health facilities, including nursing homes, hospitals, intermediate care, and other health facilities. In addition, the funding cut will cause many nursing homes to not be inspected annually and placing applicants for new certification and licensure of intermediate care facilities on waiting lists."

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Approved the Director of Health Services' attached recommendations;
and
2. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Director of Health Services to prepare a five-signature letter to the Governor, with copies to the Health and Welfare Agency Secretary and the State Director of Health Services, requesting that the State meet their obligation to ensure that the health protection programs are not compromised by the State's funding reduction without alternative solutions.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:
Each Supervisor
County Counsel